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NARRATIVE

Of the Whole AFFAIR relating to the

Ship *S U S S E X*,

As sent to the

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OF THE

Honourable EAST INDIA COMPANY;

From the Time she was deserted by the *Officers*,
and greatest Part of the *Crew*, till she was un-
fortunately wreck'd on the BASSAS DE INDIA.

ALSO

A particular Account of the many Hardships and
Distresses of the *Sixteen* BRAVE SAILORS who
staid on Board.

With a LIST of their NAMES.

By *J O H N D E A N*, *N*

The only surviving Person of them all.

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JOHN DEAN'S

NARRATIVE.

JOH N Dean, of *Scarborough* in *Yorkshire*, one of the Crew of the Ship *Sussex*, in the Service of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East-Indies*, gives the following Relation.

That on the 9th of *March*, in the Year of our Lord 1738, in their Passage from *Canton* in *China*, towards *England*, being to the Eastward of the *Cape of Good Hope*, about six in the Afternoon they met with a hard Gale of Wind (at which Time they had Fore-sail and Top-sails set) which obliged them immediately to clew up their Top-sails, and hand them without reefing, and split the Fore-top-sail in clewing it up. The Wind encreased about eight o'Clock, Fore-sail being chafed, it split, on which the Ship immediately broach'd to, and lay down with her Starboard Gunnel under Water. The Carpenter sounded the Pump, and found that the Ship had three Foot Water in the Hold; on which they ply'd their Hand and Chain-pumps, but still the Water gained upon them, so that about 10 at Night they had ten Foot Water in the Well. The Ship was not then wore; they then cut away the Mizen-mast, but the Ship wearing but very slow, and fearing she would fly to again, they cut away her Main-mast on which the Ship wore, and righted much; and after they had got the Ship wore, by plying their Pumps, they gained on her so, that at 5 in the Morning they had but two Foot and half Water in her, so they then kept but one Chain and one Hand-pump going, and

sometimes, between whiles, could let them stand still. But then the Ship had a very great Sea to Starboard, and with all down by the Head. But he says, that two Days before they met with the Gale, they had been a Rummaging between Decks, and that the Ship heel'd about a Streak and half when they had done rummaging. On the 10th of *March* they bent another Fore-sail, and unbent the split Fore-top-sail, but did not bend another, altho' they had got one on the Quarter-decks, with a Design to bend it; and that they left the split Fore-top-sail in the *Top*, for what Reason he could not tell. All that Night we kept Company with the *Winchester*, Capt. *Dove*, under a Fore-sail; we kept only one Chain and one Hand-Pump going all Night, and them not constantly. In the Morning about six o' Clock, the Captain had all his Officers into the Round-House, and held a Consultation, what was proper to be done, and then he came out on the Quarter-deck, with his Officers, and called all Hands: The Captain then asked, who had a Mind to go on board the *Winchester*, and then, before the Men made answer, he told them all the Officers had consented to go, and that the Carpenter had sworn that the Ship was not in a Condition to go round the *Cape*; and then the Captain said in these Words following, to the best of *John Dean's* Remembrance, *I advise you all to go on Board the Winchester; for if you should stay by the Ship, and meet with a hard Gale going round the Cape, you'll cry, Lord have Mercy on us: You'll wish you had gone on Board the Winchester, and not stay'd by the Suffex.* Many of the People agreed to go on Board the *Winchester*, but he, *John Dean*, with about thirty more, told the Captain, that they would tarry by the Ship at all Hazards, to carry her safe to some Port, for it was a shame to leave such a Ship; the Captain then ordered the Jack to be made fast to the

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the Larboard, Left of the Fore-top-fail Yard, and to fire two Guns, which was done as he ordered ; which *John Dean* believes was a Signal for the *Winchester* to come up to her. *John Dean* says, that then he, with the rest that intended to stay, (and they only) did go down and work one Chain-pump, and that the Pumps had then stood still about three Hours ; but he cannot tell what Water there was in her Hold at that Time, but that she suck'd in about an Hour and Half ; and that all the Time these Men were freeing the Ship, he says, that the Captain, Officers, and others, that intended to leave the Ship, was plundering, and getting what they could to carry with them ; and that when the Captain found they would stay by the Ship, he then ordered the Pinnace to be stowed, on which *John Gibbons* and *Daniel Israel*, and another, whose Name he has forgot, did cut one Gunnel of the Pinnace in two Places, and by jumping on each End of her, broke her Back, she hanging chiefly by the middle Lashing. All the Time that those who intended to stay by the Ship were pumping and endeavouring to free her, the Carpenter was working up and down about the Ship, and especially in the Gun-Room, with his Maul in his Hand ; and *John Dean*, and those who staid by the Ship, did verily believe that the Carpenter intended to drive out the Stern Port, or to play some foul Play with the Ship ; but that *Edmund Cowell* and some others, that intended to stay by the Ship, did follow him up and down very close, to prevent his ill Design, which they suspected. About Seven the Captain and Supra-cargoes left the Ship. They were the first that left the *Sussex*, and went on Board the *Winchester* ; and then the rest of the People went that was willing to go, as fast as the Boats could go from Ship to Ship. The Captain and Supra-car-

goes went in the *Winchester's* Pinnace, till there was but sixteen Men left on Board at last ; tho' at first, when the Proposal was made for leaving the Ship, there was about thirty intended to stay. *John Dean* says that it is his Opinion, and likewise the Opinion of the others that did stay, that those Men left the Ship who intended to stay, because the Officers said there was a large Quantity of Water lodged forward ; so that it would be a great Risque to venture in her, for fear of hard Gales. Others cry'd, that the small Bower Anchor had bulged her when it was cut away to right the Ship. And others said that the Carpenter had hurt the Ship, which put them into a Fright. He likewise says, that the Boat made several Trips, and plunder'd whatever came to hand ; even the *Winchester's* People plunder'd, and that in one Boat wherein was Mr. N----n, came W. D----e, R. B---l, T. M----s, W. S-----r, and two more ; (This was before they had all left the Ship that did leave her) and that the three first by Name, and the other two whose Names he has forgot, did go on the Fore-yard, and cut several Robines off the Fore-sail, in order to cut it from the Yard ; and that when those that staid on Board ask'd what they were about, they answer'd, that they had Orders to cut the Sail from the Yard, and to carry it on Board the *Winchester* ; but he cannot tell from whom they had these Orders ; for Mr. *Williams* the chief Mate, was at that Time in the Round-house, and those five Men belonging to the *Suffex*. *William Spencer*, the fourth Man by Name, did not go on the Fore-yard ; for on their telling him that they intended to stay by the Ship, he did agree, and staid with them. He, *John Dean*, seeing them cutting the Fore-sail from the Yard, together with *Edmund Cowell* and *John Morris*, did go up the Fore-shrouds with Sponge Staves, and threaten'd to knock them all off

off the Yard, if they did not come down, and leave the Sail; for that they and others intended to stay by the Ship. On hearing of which, they came down, and left the Sail, and went on Board the *Winchester*. He says that Mr. *Williams* staid on Board till the last Boat that went from the Ship, and that at the Request of them that staid by the Ship, did leave them a Letter, to certify that the Captain, Officers, and others, had left the Ship of their own Free-will and Accord, and that none but the sixteen Men whose Names are hereafter written, would stay by her. This Letter they requested of Mr. *Williams*, lest they should be seized on, in whatever Port they should touch at, for Pyrates, or to have run away with the Ship. N. B. The Boats that carried the Company of the *Suffex* on Board the *Winchester*, were the *Winchester's* Pinnace and Yaul, and the *Suffex* Yaul. He says that they earnestly requested of Mr. *Williams* to give them his meridional Distance from Java Head; but that he refused, and did not give it them; but they found Mr. *Powell's* Account in his Cabbin, as soon as Mr. *Williams* was gone, and only sixteen Men left. They wore the Ship, set Fore-sail, and steer'd away for *Madagascar* Southward, and then they hove the two Guns of the starboard Side in the Forecastle over-board, to ease the Ship, and then bent a Mizen Topsail for a Fore Topsail. All this Time the *Winchester* lay to, and turn'd the *Suffex's* Yaul adrift; but never offer'd to bear down, or come near to them after; and about Three in the Afternoon the *Winchester* made sail, and stood from them, and about Five she was out of Sight.

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The Names of the People that staid on board the
Suffex.

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| 1 | <i>James Holland,</i> | } Seamen who took Command. |
| 2 | <i>Andrew White,</i> | |
| 3 | <i>William Brown,</i> | |
| 4 | <i>Richard Drinkall,</i> | Caulker's Mate. |
| 5 | <i>Stephen Wicks,</i> | Joiner. |
| 6 | <i>James Arnott,</i> | Butcher. |
| 7 | <i>John Borwell,</i> | Gunner. |
| 8 | <i>William Watson,</i> | Seaman. |
| 9 | <i>John Mack-Melton,</i> | ditto. |
| 10 | <i>John Carr,</i> | ditto. |
| 11 | <i>William Spencer,</i> | ditto. |
| 12 | <i>William Eadnell,</i> | ditto. |
| 13 | <i>John Morris,</i> | ditto. |
| 14 | <i>Edmund Corwell,</i> | } Quarter Masters. |
| 15 | <i>John Edwards,</i> | |
| 16 | <i>John Dean,</i> | Seaman. |

They went for two Days under the Sail before-mentioned, had fine moderate Weather ; and then they got the Long-boat's Mast for a Mizzen-mast, and Long-boat's Main-sail for a Mizzen and a Fore-top-gallant-sail for a Cross-jack, searched for what Clothes they could find, and shared them ; in four Days after the *Winchester* left them, they made the Island *Madagascar*, and then made the best of their Way to *St. Augustine's Bay* ; two Days after they made the Land, being in Sight of *St. Augustine's*, and Night coming on they anchored, not caring to venture in the Night ; the next Morning weighed, being the third Day after they made Land, and about Noon anchored in *St. Augustine's Bay* : They hoisted their Colours, and fired several Guns, for to bring the Natives down, and in the Night they saw a Fire a-shore, which they took to be a Signal, that some of the Natives were there ; so they answered with

with shewing a Light. In the Morning two Men came off in a Canoe, one could speak *English*; they brought on board a Jar of Honey, which they said was a Present to the Captain from the King of *Barbar*; then they employed themselves in hauling up the Cables, shifting and stowing the Water, and clearing between Decks, to bring the Ship upright. He says, that they pumped the Ship but once after the *Winchester* left them, before they got into Harbour, and then it was after they had made Land, and then had very little Water in the Well. The next Day, being *Sunday*, they did no Work, but went to Prayers, and that they used to go to Prayers every Day. On the *Monday* the Caulker's Mate and the Joiner went to work to mend the Pinnace; all that Week they employed themselves in finishing of the Riggings for a Main-jury-Mast. On *Sunday* some of them went ashore in the Pinnace, to see what Inhabitants was there, but found only the two Men that first came on board, and one other Man and a Woman, who was afraid to come near them, till they told them they were *English* Men. The next Day they sent ashore again, and then found there was four of the King's head Men come down, who came off in a Canoe when the Pinnace came off, and staid on board all that Night: Those Men informed them that the King was just returned from War, and was coming with his Army to *Julear*; the Linguister told the Captain, that the King wanted to see him at *Julear*, where he was very civilly used by the King; the King then inquired how many Hands they had on board, the Captain told him thirty; then the King shewed him a *French* Man, and a *Portuguese*, and offered to let them go with him, but they did not. Then after two Days Stay at the King's Habitation, he returned on board, and then they had Plenty of Provisions brought them. Two Days after the Capt.
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came on board, the King came on board, and brought with him the *Frenchman* and *Portuguese* ; they received the King, and treated him in the best Manner they were able in their Condition : The King seeing but few Hands, asked where the rest was ; they told him they were sick below ; so then he began to trade *China* Ware for Provisions : But he declares the *China* Ware was private Trade, and not the Company's. The Natives observing but few Hands to be on board, began to be very troublesome and insolent, to that Degree, that they were obliged to keep a Centry at each Gangway arm'd, to hinder them from coming on board, which they endeavoured much to do ; they kept one Hand employ'd in fixing a Main-top-sail, by cutting two Reefs of each, the rest of the Hands getting out the Stump of the Main-mast, which when they had got out and heaved over-board, and stept a Jury-mast, and rigg'd it, which Mast was made out of a large Stick, which was designed for a spare Mizen-mast Lower-yard, or what requisite ; they made a Main-top-mast out of a sprung Main-top-sail-yard, and got the Ship rigg'd ; they bought six Slaves, for which they gave three Barrels of Gunpowder ; in the Day they made them work, and at Night secured them in Irons ; they made a Present to the King of the Doctor's Gun, and a Larboy of Arrack, for which he returned two Goats : The King then came on board with his ten Wives, they made each of them a Present of a *China* Bowl, for which every one of them returned a Goat. They now had got the Ship in a Trim for the Sea, having scrubbed and tarred her Bottom, as low as they possibly could ; tarr'd her Sides ; bent her Sails, repaired her Quarter Gallery that was stove by the Mizen-mast, when cut away ; and having well examined her, to see if they could find out any Leak or Strains ; but he, *John Dean*, says, that in searching

ing the Ship as above, that they found in the Star-board Quarter-Gallery about a Pound of loose Gun-powder laid there; but for what Intent it could be laid there, he nor the rest could not think, unless left on some ill Design. Finding the Natives very troublesome, even throwing Lances into the Ship, and endeavouring to get on board her, they suspected that there was some ill Design to cut them off when Opportunity served; so for the Safety of their Lives, the Ship and Cargo, they agreed to go to *Mozambuique*, and stay there till a proper Time of the Year, to go round the *Cape*, in hopes there to get Assistance, having resolved to send an Express to *Johanna*; so wrote a Letter, which they all signed, of their Intentions for the Preservation of the Ship and Cargo, leaving it in the Hands of the King of *Barbar*, for any *European* Ship that should first touch there; and then weighed and stood out to the Sea on their intended Passage to *Mosambuique*. Before he sailed, he turned the *Portuguese* ashore, he often having quarrelled with the *Frenchman*. Their Stay at *St. Augustine's Bay* was 3 Weeks and some odd Days; they had fine moderate Weather at Sea; but on the 2d Day they sounded the Pump, and found 16 Inches in the Water in the Well; so they immediately pumped her out dry. In the Evening it was over-cast; about ten o'Clock that Night the Ship unfortunately struck, and lost her Rudder the second Stroke, so she stuck fast. Finding the Ship was aground, and seeing no Possibility of saving her, they cleared the Long-boat, in order to hoist her out; but she being stove before, wanted Repair, and they having but few Hands, and the Sea breaking in much, could not venture, so they then hoisted the Pinnacle off the Booms, and let her hang in the Tackles all Night a long-side. They then got the Wagganer, and found they was on the *Basses de*
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India, although by their Observation at Noon, they were to the Northward of what it is laid down in the Chart, which Error deceived them, judging themselves to the Northward of it, and out of that Danger: They then put a Compass, a Waggoner, some Arms, and Powder, into the Pinnace, and some Carpenters Tools, and then went to Prayers all that Night; the Sea broke much on the After-part of the Ship, which soon stove in all abaft, so that the Quarter-Deck fell into the Steerage; at six in the Morning they were resolved to lower the Pinnace, so nine Men went into her, the rest resolved to stay and take their Fates in the Ship; for they thought there was no Likelihood of saving their Lives if they went into the Pinnace, the Sea breaking very high. In lowering the Pinnace, having the Falls reefed thro' the Ring, the After-tackle got a-kink just as she took the Water, so could only get the Fore-tackle unhooked; the Sea running high, she parted the second Sea, one of the Men being got safe within board the first Sea, and in finding the Boat off *John Dean*, got his Hand jamm'd, by which he has lost the Use of the middle Finger of his Left-Hand.

These eight Men were washed out of the Boat, whereby three of them were drowned, the other five, after swimming some Time, were drove into shoal Water: After that, seeing the Fore-part of the Pinnace a-float, one swam to it, and called the rest, who all followed, and got upon it, although *John Dean*, before this Misfortune, could not swim; they seeing a Flask a-float, one of them swam and fetched it, which proved about half full of Arrack; they then got what Boards they could that floated from the Wreck, and lashed to the Boat a-cross, to make her swim more buoyant: About Noon they saw the Ship part, and at Night they drove into shoal Water, and where it dried; so they made fast their half Boat,

Boat, two of them being ill of Fevers, the others gathered together whatever came nigh them from the Wreck, and built a Stern, and chined it with Oakham they made out of the Pinnacle's Painter, although they had only two small Knives, and the King-bolt which they drew out of her, to work with. The second Night they saw a Fire, and in the Morning some of the Fore-top of the Wreck, which they endeavoured to get to, but could not for the Current, so they put back again, and in their Way they found a Piece of Pork. When they got to the Place again, which they fitted their Boat on, they took in a But, which they left there, Part full of Water, having before started some to lighten it, and put to Sea, being the third Day from the Ship; they were seventeen Days from that Time to their getting ashore on the Island of *Madagascar*, having nothing to subsist on but one Piece of Pork, the Water before-mentioned, and three small Crabs they found a float at Sea; during which Time they always went to Prayers twice a Day, and returned God Thanks for their miraculous Delivery and Preservation, after such imminent Danger. The four *Englishmen*, viz. *James Holland*, *Stephen Wicks*, *William Eadnell*, and himself, went up a little Way into the Woods, and there lay that Night: The fifth Man, who was the *Frenchman*, they got at *St. Augustine's Bay*, staid behind, not caring to go with them, they designing to travel to *Julear* to the King of *Barbar*, where he believed the *Frenchman* dare not go. In the Morning they swam over a River, which they thought was *Julear River*, and having travelled about a Mile to the Northward, they met with the *Frenchman*, and soon after saw another large River, and many Huts, which they took to be *Youngoult*; so made up to them, but found no Inhabitants, so returned back about half way, where they found some wild

Beans, which they set down by, and eat some of them, and reposed there that Night ; in the Morning the *French Man* left them, and then he and *Stephen Wicks* travelled up by the River about ten Miles, to seek for a Place inhabited, or if they could find any People to assist them, their two Companions being very ill, and not able to travel ; at Night they returned after Labour in vain, when to their great Sorrow they found their Companions were both speechless, so laid down by them all that Night ; in the Morning one of them could speak, who desired they would go and search for Water, for they were almost dead with Drought ; they went, but could find none ; they desired them to go and seek for Inhabitants, but if they could make Water, to piss in their Mouths before they went, which accordingly they did, and then took Leave and set out on their Travel. It was six Days after they landed that they met with several black Men, who used them very civilly ; they were better than they were when they set out, having found Water the second Day after they left their Companions ; and a little before they met their black Men, found the *French Man* again, picking Plumbs in the Woods. Having travelled back about a Mile, the black Men made a Fire, and dressed some Beef and gave them to eat ; after they had refreshed themselves they set out again. The head Man observing them to be very weak, and much fatigued and sore with travelling, ordered them to be carried ; they travelled to the Northward, and in 2 Days met their 2 Companions, who were much mended ; for the Night after they parted, one dreamt that there was fresh Water near them ; on making Search in the Morning, according to his Dream, he found it ; they all then travelled with the black Men to the Southward, who took great Care of them, in providing Plantains, and what else Food they could get, and dressed their Wounds,

Wounds, they being much tore in travelling thro' the Woods; their Beef being all gone in three Weeks they met with two more Gangs, in one was a Black that could talk a little *English*, who to shew his Respect, gave a Cow to the *English* Men. The *French* Man proved a very troublesome Fellow, often picking Quarrels, especially with *James Holland*, and told the Blacks that they were four *Dutch* Men, thinking, as they judged, that then they would not meet with the same good Usage as they had before; for he was very jealous on account that the Blacks shewed more Respect towards them than to him; but this wicked Intention did not take as he designed it. At the End of the three Weeks more, or thereabouts, they came to a Town, and their black head Man carried them to a great Man there, with whom they tarried about a Week, where he would have left them, but he refused to take care of them; he then carried them to another Town, to one *Cohary*, but he also refused; so he then conducted them to another Town, to one *Rameover*, who took them in, where they staid for two Months, but met with indifferent Usage, their first Friend being gone to King *Renanff*, King of *Sacclaver*. It was about eight Weeks from the Time they first met the black Men to their Arrival at *Rameover's*; not liking the Usage they had, and their Friend not returned from the King, they agreed to travel to see if they could find the King's Town, which is called *Mobarbo*; so they all four stole out by Night, and made the best of their Way, lest they should be followed: The *French* Man left them 2 Days after their black Friend set out for the King's Town; in the Morning they got to the Sea-side, where was a wide River. *William Eadnell* and *Stephen Wicks* swam over, but *Holland* and himself would not venture, they being but indifferent Swimmers; so they wished their Comrades Success, and returned

returned back to *Rameover's*, and then found better Usage; in about a Week after the other two returned, they all met with worse Usage then ever, on account, as they judged, that the Blacks found they could not any ways better themselves. About a Fortnight after their first black Friend returned to them from the King, and told them, they should set out the next Day to wait on the King; but to their great Grief he went away the next Day, and took no more notice of them, so then they resolved and did set out for *Mobarbo*; and after having travelled about half a Day, they met with three black Men, who promised to carry them to the King in ten Days; but in two Days and a half they came to the House of one *Rafobare*, who is a very great Man in his Station, being the next Man to the King, and with him they left them; he was very kind to them, especially when he found they were *English* Men; for he could speak a little *English*; he put *James Holland* and *Stephen Wicks* under the Care of his head Wife, and the other two under the Care of another of his Wives; giving them strict Charge to let them want nothing, and to be as Mothers to them; about two Months after *James Holland* died, after a lingering Illness; they buried him as decently as they possibly could. About a Month after *Stephen Wicks* died very suddenly, being well over Night, and dead the next Morning. He believed he was poisoned, for many Spots appear'd over his Body: They being very ill themselves, they did not see him buried. They follow'd the Corpse as far as they were able; but were satisfied that he was buried. One *Balles*, Aunt to *Rafabare*, then took the two that remain'd into her Care: She was very tender and careful of them, as the two Wives always had been, and was always welcome and kindly received by them; for when the Victuals was ready, one or other would
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send for them to eat. He says that they built a Hut for them, and gave each of them a Piece of Cloth, and obliged them to make Frocks and Trowsers, not suffering them to wear Skees, as the Blacks do. *Rafabaro* used chiefly to be out on the Scout, with about fifty armed Men; but when he was at home, he used them with the utmost Civility and Respect imaginable. When they had been with him about five Months, he told them he had some Men going to the King, and that he heard there was three Ships at *Youngoult*, and that they might go with his Men. *John Dean* told him, that his Companion was not able to travel, being very ill and weak: But *Eadnell* said he was, being overjoy'd to hear of Shipping, in hopes of getting once again to his native Country. They took their Leaves of *Rafabaro* and his Wives, returning them many Thanks for their great Care and Tenderness towards them, then set out on their Journey towards *Moharbo*. They had not travell'd far, before *Eadnell* dropp'd, and was not able to proceed. He advised him, and would have gone back again with him; but he could not: So then the Blacks used to carry him Turn and Turn, for two Days; and then slung a Hammock, to carry him the more easy; for by that Time he was very ill. The sixth Day's Travel they came to a small Village, where *Eadnell* died. He sewed him up in a Mat first, and then buried him as decently as he could. They tarried five Days at this Village, to refresh themselves, and then set forwards again; and in two Days came to a Town not far from the King's. Having no Provision, they asked some; but were refused them by the Inhabitants, who could give them nothing but Toak; and that they would not accept. They wanted Food; on which Denial *Rachapore*, the Chief of their Gang, dispatched a Messenger to the King,
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to inform him where they were, and that they had an *Englistman* with them ; and particularly of the Inhumanity of the People, in refusing to give them Food, which when the King heard, he immediately sent Orders that they should have whatever they wanted ; so they then got a Bullock, and refreshed themselves. They pack'd up the Remainder, and set forwards on their Journey, towards *Mobarbo*, where the next Day they arrived. As soon as they got there, they carried him to the King, who was seated, as is usual, under a large Tamarind-tree, on a Stool surrounded with about forty Men arm'd, and was eating Milk and Rice out of a wooden Bowl, and a wooden Spoon. He went up to the King, and made his Obeisance. The King told him his Name was *Renuaf*, and that he was King of *Rambour* ; and asked him if he was *Englist* or *French*. He told him in their Tongue he was an *Englistman*. The King ordered him a Mess of Milk and Rice, which was brought him. He then saw the *Frenchman* again, who had been some Time at *Mobarbo*. The King order'd *Rachapare* to carry him to one *Roboi* the next Morning, but to take care of him that Night himself ; but *Roboi* going up to a House in the Country, after about two Hours Travel he could go no farther ; for he always thought they were going to carry him down to the Ships till then, when he found, to his great Disappointment, they were going to carry him up into the Country, where there would be but little Likelihood of his ever getting away. When *Roboi* found he would not go with him willingly, he sent him back to his Brother *Renose*, to take Care of him, with whom he tarried about four Months, meeting with good Usage. In this Time all his Cloaths were worn out, so he was obliged to go naked, only a small Scread to cover his Privities.

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He used to go daily to the King to beg somewhat for Cloaths, but for a Month he asked in vain; and then the King gave him an Ox, for which he got a Piece of Cloth a little above a Yard square. When the above four Months, or thereabouts, were expired, he having got some Rice gave him, set out for *Andreck*, to truck his Rice for Salt and Fish; and, as he was on his Journey, came to the House of one *Rabbalow*, who is a Man of Power, and a Favourite of the King's. He had been there once before, so that *Rabbalow* knew him, and received him very kindly, offering to take him into his Care, and to give him what Necessaries he should have Occasion for, so he stay'd with him; going daily at his Pleasure from *Munghavo*, where he lived, to wait on the King, and used to partake of the King's Diversions, the chiefest in making small Clay Butts, and then in their Hands hitting them together. By the Time he had been at *Rabbalow's* about a Month, they had News of a *French* Ship being arrived at *Yongoult*, the Captain, one of the Mates, and the Boatswain, in their Way to *Mobarbo* to wait on the King, stopt at *Rabbalow's*, on which he was immediately confined, and ordered to be kept from seeing the *Frenchmen*, but in the Night he got loose, and stole out to the *Frenchmen*, who were very glad to see him, for the Boatswain could speak *English*. The next Day they set out to wait on the King to settle Trade, where they tarried that Day; and the next Day they returned to *Rabbalow's*, and stay'd there all that Night. He then was with them; they were very civil to him, giving him some Beef to carry to his Hutt, after they had fed him with Soals, Rice, and what else they had. In the Morning they set out for *Yongoult*, and soon after *Rabbalow* and others followed, and took him along with them; having travelled about twenty Miles, they overtook

the *French* Gentlemen, who were refreshing themselves, and they were so kind as to let him partake with them, and the Boatswain gave him a Handkerchief, tying it about his Head. *Rabbalow* mistrusting he intended to leave him, and go with the *Frenchmen*, ordered him to come away, which he refused. The Gentlemen having refreshed themselves, set forward for *Youngoult*, and he followed them; but they being got a little before him, one *Revoy*, with others, by Order of *Rabbalow*, came up to him, and put a Rope about his Neck, telling him he must go back to *Mobarbo* to the King; but he refused to go, alledging he was not able to travel, by reason he was so much fatigued, and his Legs very sore. *Revoy* then tied him to a Tree, and run his Launce several Times across his Throat, and threatened to kill him if he would not go; he then told *Revoy* that he would go the next Day if he was able, after he had taken some Rest. Several of *Revoy's* Attendance used him very ill whilst he was fast to the Tree, attempting several Times to snatch the Handkerchief from his Head which the *French* Boatswain gave him, but observing their Intentions, he secured it. So they let him rest that Night, and the next Day he was sent to the King at *Mobarbo*, under the Guard of a Man and a Woman. When they got to the King's, they found him at his usual Diversion of making Clay Butts; the King asked him what he wanted; he told him, to go to *Youngoult* to the *French* Ship. The King then promised he should go down with him the next Day, and they set out accordingly with a great Attendance. When they came to *Munghavo*, they stopt at *Rabbalow's*. At this Town most of the Deceased Kings are laid in small Houses. By the King's Order they killed an Ox, beat Drums, blow'd their Coucks, and fired Guns over the

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the Houses of the deceased Kings, dressing themselves up, and dancing, as it is the usual Custom of the Country when the King passes that Place. The next Day we set forward, and travelled towards *Youngoult*, and at Night built up Hutts, which are soon done, and rested that Night. *Renose*, by the King's Order (for he is very Arbitrary) cut the Throat of one of the Noblemen for breaking a Dog's Leg. In the Morning the King asked him if he had any Tobacco, and to give him some; he having none, told him so; on which the King told him he should not go down with him, for the *French* were not his Countrymen, and ordered him to be carried to his Mother *Rytampitt*, and there to be kept. This was a shocking Stroke, and made him despair of ever being redeemed. In about a Fortnight the King in his Return called at his Mother *Rytampitt's*, dressed in a *European* Dress, and told him, he must go back with him to *Mobarbo*. He asked him again to go down to *Youngoult*, but, to his great Grief, was denied, and accordingly set out with the King for *Mobarbo*. They stopt at *Munghavo*, and performed the usual Ceremony over deceased Kings as before, which having performed, they set out for *Mobarbo*; when they arrived at *Mobarbo*, then the King ordered him again to *Revoy's*, where he was four Months before. About a Week after, a *Frenchman* that was on the Island (not he that came ashore with them, for he was dead) came to *Mobarbo*, and informed the King, that the *French* Captain took it very ill, that he should detain the *Englishman* contrary to his Inclination, and not let him have his Liberty to go down to *Youngoult* to the Ship. He happened luckily to be with the King when the *French* Man delivered the Message, so the King then told him, he might go down. He immediately went home, took his Mat and Lance, took his Leave of *Renoses*

and his Wives, returning them hearty Thanks for their Civilities, and gave his Handkerchief to one of them, which was all he had to give in return. Then he went to the King to beg some Beef, but could get only a few Guts stuffed with Sewet ; so return'd the King Thanks, took his Leave, and set out for *Munghavo*, in his Way to the Ship. That Night he lay at *Rabbalow's*, at *Munghavo*. *Rabbalow's* Wife begged the Guts, which he gave her, and in return she gave him some Rice to eat, but none to carry away ; so in the Morning he took his Leave, and set forward on his Journey. Before Night he called at *Rytampitt's* ; she gave him two Lengths of Sugar-cane, and some Plantanes, which he received with Pleasure, returned her Thanks for her Civilities, and then travell'd about six Miles farther, and then came to a small Village, where he got a Fire, roasted some Plantanes, eat them, and lay there all that Night, in a small Hut. In the Morning he set out, and about two o' Clock in the Afternoon he got to *Rabbalow's* House at *Youngoult*. Seeing two Ships, he made Inquiry, and found one was an *English* Ship, to his great Joy and Satisfaction, having Hopes of seeing his native Country again, after so many imminent Dangers and Hardships he had gone through. *Rabbalow's* Wife sent a Slave to the *French* Factor, to acquaint him *John* was come down ; he sent word back, not to let him come to the Factory, for the *French* would not buy him ; but could not tell whether the *English* would or not. He then complained of Hunger, and asked the Wives to grant him Leave to go to the *French* Factory, to get some Victuals ; but they refused him, telling him that their Orders were not to let him go ; but he watched his Opportunity, and slipp'd out, intending to go to the Factory. They soon miss'd him, and hasten'd a Slave away, to acquaint

acquaint *Rabbalow*, who then told the *English* Captain, that he was come down to *Youngeult*, and at the Request of the Captain, *Rabbalow* send the Slave to fetch him to the Factory; the Slave went and met him about half Way, sitting on the Sand to rest himself; for he could not walk far without resting, his Legs and Feet being very sore; for they were much tore with the Shrubs, travelling bare-footed. It was about Three in the Afternoon when he got to the *French* Factory, where, with inexpressible Joy, he found the *English* Captain, who received him with a great deal of Pleasure and Civility, promising to take care of him. He refreshed himself, and then gave a small Account, as the Time would permit, of his Shipwreck, and other hard Misfortunes, and about the Ship he was cast away in; he lay at the *French* Factory that Night, and in the Morning the Captain asked him, if he chose to go on board his Ship, or to stay with him at the Factory; he told the Captain he chose rather to go on board, for he was much afraid of their carrying him away up in the Country again, if they could privately hustle him away; so he eat and refreshed himself, and went off in the first Boat that went off in the Morning, and about ten o'Clock he got safe on board the Ship *Prince William*, *Joseph Langworth* Commander, in the Service of the united Company of Merchants of *England*, trading to the *East-Indies*, bound from *Madagascar* to *Bombay*. Great and inexpressible was his Joy and Satisfaction to find himself amidst so many of his own Nation, who all with Pleasure welcomed him on his Entrance, and with true Hearts, rejoiced for his happy and miraculous Delivery from so many imminent Dangers that none but the Almighty God, out of his infinite Goodness and Mercy towards Mankind, could have Power to do; for which may his most glorious and blessed

bleſſed Name be praiſed, both now and for-ever
more. *Amen.*

Witness,

John Cape, Chief-mate.
Tho. Beſt, Second-mate.
Ja. Harwood, Third-mate.
Will. Langley, Fourth-mate.
Rich. Lowndes, Fifth-mate.
Ja. Jarboton, Gunner.
Redm. Hewes, Boatswain.
Benj. Corbett, Carpenter.
Earl Newland, Caulker.
Robert Sterling,
James Holt, } Seamen.
Tommy Morphy,
Tho. Langworth, Commander.

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